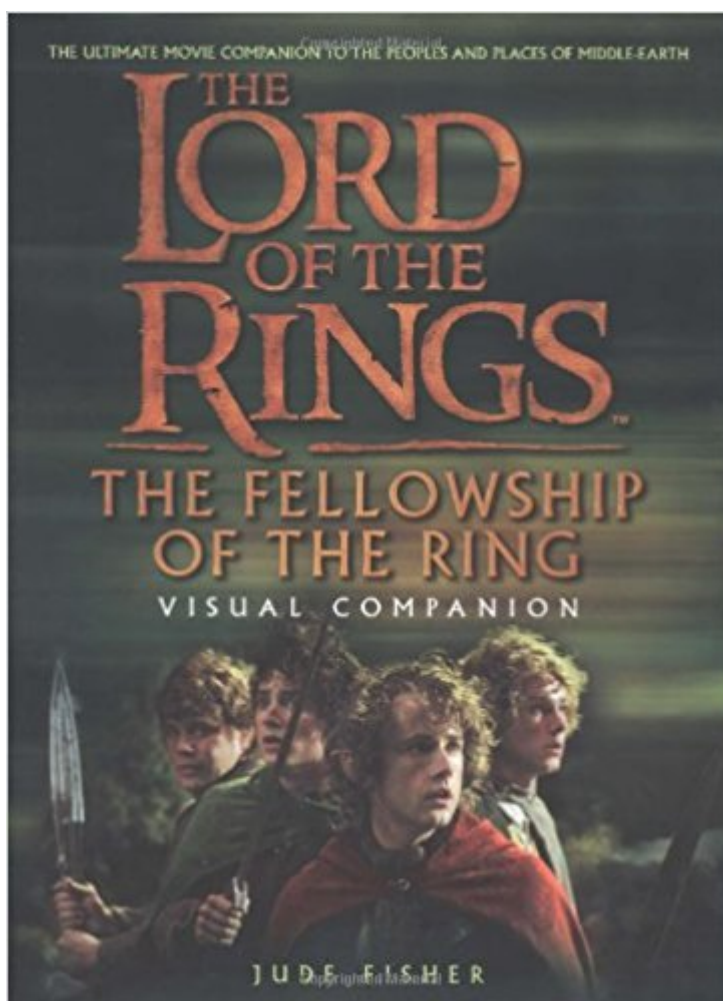


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The Fellowship Of The Ring Visual Companion (The Lord Of The Rings)



Synopsis

Houghton Mifflin is proud to present a full-color, large-format, guide to the characters, cultures, and locations of J.R.R. Tolkien's extraordinary creation Middle-earth, as depicted in the movie *The Fellowship of the Ring* - the first of three blockbuster films from New Line Cinema. Filled with stunning imagery and with a thorough, informative narrative text, *The Fellowship of the Ring Visual Companion* will provide the reader with a rich feast of detail and information. Featuring exclusive photos of Frodo, Gandalf, the Ringwraiths, elves, and all the other main characters and creatures of the first film, the book also includes breathtaking pictures of Hobbiton, Rivendell, and Moria. The first of a projected three-book series that no Tolkien fan, from novice to expert, should be without, *The Fellowship of the Ring Visual Companion* contains a special eight-page gatefold of large-format images unique to this book.

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Customer Reviews

Jude Fisher's *Lord of the Rings Visual Companion* is a real treat for Tolkien fans and brings readers up close to some of the amazing detail they will find in the big-screen version of this fantasy classic. Not just a straightforward movie guide, this is more of a Middle-earth encyclopedia with information on the people and places to which moviegoers will be introduced. The text is informative and never presumes any level of knowledge, making this book more than accessible for Tolkien fans or those who have yet to discover his work. The pictures are full color and quite simply superb, showcasing the movie's epic scope and exciting special effects. There is even a foldout map of Middle-earth in

the center pages using shots from the movie to illustrate key locations, giving it a more realistic feel. Not an average movie tie-in book, Fisher's wonderful guide has been as lovingly put together as the movie itself and has "quality" stamped all over it. This is definitely one to add to your collection.

--Jonathan Weir, .co.uk

Adult/High School-This official, authorized companion to the movie will be helpful to anyone wanting background about Middle-earth, the ancient history of the rings of power, and the main characters and creatures in J. R. R. Tolkien's work. Readers will learn the history of the free peoples of Middle-earth, hobbits, elves, dwarves, and men. The book ends with the Istari, an Elvish term meaning an order or brotherhood of wizards; Gandalf the Grey and Saruman the White are highlighted in this section. Finally, the Dark Powers are featured, including the Orcs, Uruk-Hai, and the Nazgul. The photos are excellent and give readers a good idea of what the characters are all about and their roles in the movie. Anyone interested in a brief history of Tolkien's novel, filmmaking, and cinematography will find this an entertaining read. Patricia White-Williams, Kings Park Library, Fairfax County, VACopyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

I love the Lord of the Rings series and movie - I've read the books many times since I was young, and have seen the movie several times already. This is a fantastic companion book to both. It gives organized information on each of the main characters, describes some of the key plot elements in the story, and has large, full color photos that aren't found anywhere else. The pictures are great - they show just how much incredible work went into the details on the movie. While other movies use blue-screen and just computer-generate everything, with LotR they fabricated thousands and thousands of items by hand. Every race was thought out - what would an elf fork look like? How about a hobbit pipe? The armor was individually made, the mail shirts constructed from thousands of individual links. Even tiny fragments of parchment on the ground in the Mines of Moria had tiny runes on them. You can see that awesome attention to detail in these photos. One of the best features of the book for me was the great fold-out map in its middle. Far better than the small ones you get in the books! On the downside, they bound the book right through its center, instead of offsetting the map so it could be hung, or at least binding in white space. The result is that Gondor turns into Gndor and Rohan into ohan, and a lot of key features like Moria are lost in that binding. Such a simple thing to have done differently! But other than that gripe, this is definitely a must-have for any fan of the series.

This book was literally my companion while I waited for the DVD to be available for purchase, allowing me to get my "LOTR fix" whenever I needed it. The pictures are wonderful, as are the descriptions of the characters. There were several references and pictures to scenes that weren't in the theatrical version (but were in the extended version). This may have been confusing or irritating to some, but I found it exciting as it gave a hint of what I had to look forward to in the extended version. I prefer it to the "making of...." books, because it portrays the characters instead of the actors. You can really become immersed in the story, and in Middle Earth, by cuddling up with this book.

My 5 yr old son is looking at this while we read the book to him. He loves it and it helps him understand what would probably be a too complex story for his age. Great purchase!

I have read The Fellowship of The Ring. My wife has not. We both enjoyed this visual companion. I would recommend this book to explain things to someone who has not read the original book. Great pictures.

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This book is terrific especially if you are a LOTR's fan. It arrived in good condition and my daughter was very glad to get this one added to her collection! A lot of the LOTR's books are hard to come buy. Grab them while you can.

Love everything Tolkien

It wasn't the book I was looking for, but with the map inside and the pictures, etc - kids loved it.

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